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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FISH CATCH REPORTS

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS LEARNED FROM AN ARTICLE IN THE FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW OF MARCH 17, 1978 THAT ASAHI SHIMBUN REPORTED JAPANESE VIOLATIONS OF BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC BY "CATCHING MORE THAN ALLOWED, CHEATING ON THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF NETS AND NUMBER OF CANNED FISH ON FACTORY SHIPS, AND DUMPING CHEAPER FISH INTO THE OCEAN WHEN MORE EXPENSIVE SPECIES ARE CAUGHT LATER."

2. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DEALING MAINLY WITH THE SOVIET 200-MILE ZONE, NMFS FEARS THAT LOCAL
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FISHING INTERESTS WILL USE THE STORY TO MAINTAIN THAT JAPANESE PRACTICES IN THE U.S. 200-MILE ZONE ARE THE SAME. REGIONAL FISHERY ATTACHE'S COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE AND THE IMPACT OF THIS STORY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WHETHER OR NOT THE JAPANESE FISHERY AGENCY SHOULD BE CONTACTED IS LEFT TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION. ANY COMMENTS ON SIMILAR JAPANESE PRACTICES WITHIN THE U.S. 200-MILE ZONE WOULD BE

APPRECIATED.

3. NMFS AND THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED
ALERT REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT. CHRISTOPHER

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